

NATIONAL BEEKEEPERS' ASSOCIATION OF NEW ZEALAND (INC.)

The Minutes of the Meeting of the Executive Committee of the National Beekeepers' Association of New Zealand (Inc.) held in the Boardroom, 11th Floor, Dalmuir House, Wellington, on Wednesday and Thursday 30 and 31 March 1983, commencing at 10.20 am on 30 March.

PRESENT: Mr W.A. Clissold, in the Chair, and Messrs M. Stuckey, I. Berry, M. Cloake, S. Lyttle and A. Lorimer.

IN ATTENDANCE: Mr S.C. Goodman, Executive Secretary

Also attending at times during the meeting:

Mr M. Reid, Ministry of Agriculture & Fisheries
Mr D. Kaye, Hutchison Hull & Co.
Mr T. Walton, Agricultural Press Co. Ltd.

WELCOME: The Chairman extended a warm welcome to members, this being the first meeting of the Executive for 1983.

MINUTES: The Minutes of the Executive Committee meeting held on 1 December 1982 having been circulated were taken as read and received and the Chairman was authorised to sign them as a true and correct record.

MATTERS ARISING: Mr I. Berry reported that Mr Russell Berry had prepared an article for the Kiwifruit Journal (October issue) and this had been submitted to the editor on time. However, as the editor had a surfeit of material the article had not been included and would not be included in a subsequent issue as it would be out of date.

General discussion took place at this stage of the meeting on the return to beekeepers from the hiring of hives to the kiwifruit industry. It was finally agreed that an endeavour be made to have Mr Berry's article included in the Kiwifruit Journal in October this year (1983).

CORRESPONDENCE:

1. Acknowledgement to the Invermay Agricultural Research Centre and request that the Executive be kept advised of developments in its research programme.
2. Acknowledgement to QANTAS concerning their information on the provision of honey in flight. Mr Lyttle reported that the Co-operative was still pursuing the matter of provision of New Zealand honey to the airline.
3. The Bureau of Primary Information declining to place them on the Association's mailing list.
4. The Nelson Branch approving the initial arrangements for the Annual Conference.
5. Advice to Agpress concerning the availability of "The Story of Bees and Honey".
6. Advice to Branches regarding the availability of "The Story of Bees and Honey". During the discussion it was agreed that the minimum requirement for an order be deleted but that all copies issued be charged for.

7. Correspondence with Mr Lawson Robertson concerning education was discussed later in the meeting when Mr Murray Reid was in attendance.
8. The meeting noted correspondence in respect of the Telford Farm Training Institute and a letter from the Agricultural Training Council in respect of the development of the Apiary Unit at Telford.
9. A letter from the Minister of Agriculture to Mr R.M. Gray, M.P., Concerning the adverse seasonal conditions being experienced by beekeepers in the Otago and Southland areas, and the assistance available from the Rural Bank. It was agreed that copies of the letter be made available to Branch Secretaries for their information and assistance in respect of other adverse seasonal conditions that may be experienced.

This matter was again discussed later in the meeting when consideration was given to the prices of sugar and it was agreed to draw to the attention of Branches the availability of a manufacturer's agreement with the sugar company, which at present provided for a 12 tonne per annum minimum purchase at a rate of \$26.30 less a 2.7% discount.
10. Correspondence to and from the Marlborough Branch in respect of hives as securities for loans.
11. The meeting noted a letter from the planning executive of the NZ Kiwifruit Authority and in particular the reference to the recent visit of Professor Cameron Jay. It was agreed that a suitable gift to an approximate value of \$100 be sent to the Professor from the Beekeepers' Association in appreciation of his contribution to this industry during his visit to New Zealand.
12. Correspondence with the National Dairy Association seeking a list of members to enable them to undertake a market survey in respect of a honey extractor they were contemplating manufacturing, was discussed. It was agreed that they be advised that a list of beekeepers could be obtained from the Ministry of Agriculture, or, as an alternative, they could advertise in the Journal or make contact with other distributors, but that in the opinion of the Executive, the product would have a limited market.
13. The meeting noted correspondence between the Secretary and the Chairman concerning the Annual Report.
14. A request from Mr and Mrs May, Balclutha, for an exemption from the 1983 hive levy payment. It was agreed that under the Regulations, the Association did not have the power to grant an exemption, but could grant a deferment, and it was agreed that payment of the levy could be deferred until 31 May without attracting the 10% penalty, but if the levy remained unpaid after that date the 10% penalty would apply.
15. The meeting noted correspondence between the Secretary and Mr Stuckey concerning HMA meeting expenses.

Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 12.35 pm for lunch and re-convened at 1.25 pm.

DISCUSSIONS WITH MURRAY REID:

1. The meeting discussed with Mr Reid the collection of the hive levy and Executive Committee members' concern at possible discrepancies. The meeting also considered the report on the hive levy collection, prepared by the Secretary.

It was noted that it was a legal requirement for the number of hives on each site to be included in the return supplied to the Ministry.

It was agreed that the Association's letters concerning hive levy eligibility etc be re-drafted to draw to members' attention the legal requirement in respect of this levy.

It was further agreed that the Secretary prepare a list of members with over 1200 hives each, and that this list be circulated in confidence to members of the Executive prior to its next meeting.

2. The meeting considered a report received from Mr Lawson Robertson, also the appointment of Mr Nick Wallingford to the Bay of Plenty Community College and his desire to develop teaching materials and demonstration equipment for the industry. It was agreed that a letter of congratulation be sent to Mr Wallingford on his appointment and that the Association donate a supply of the publication "The Story of Bees and Honey", and Mr Stuckey undertook to make these available from the bulk supply which he had.

Further to the Minutes of the 23 September meeting (page 8) it was agreed that Mr Lorimer would now replace Mr I. Berry on the Education Committee and that the opportunity be taken at Conference for the Committee to have discussions with Mr Wallingford.

3. Mr Reid reported that the seminar at the Conference would be on pollen and pollination and to the best of his knowledge most of the speakers had been confirmed.

4. ...) In respect of the visit of Professor Cameron Jay:

(a) The Kiwifruit Authority had met the cost of both his internal and external travel

(b) The imbalance of research - honeybees, other bees

(c) A meeting in Auckland re pollination

5. Mr Reid reported that Allan Heath was working in conjunction with Mr Pat Clinch, although there was still no back-up for Mr Clinch in respect of disease diagnosis, his Head Office was however having discussions with the DSIR at Mount Albert for assistance in this respect.

6. Mr Reid reported that there was no firm arrangement for the Rural Bank to discuss with MAF Advisory Officers requests made to the Rural Bank for assistance.

7. It was agreed that a 16mm film, Brood Diseases of the Honey Bee, be obtained, and that this together with the slides already ordered, be made available to Mr Reid for evaluation as soon as received.

It was further suggested that, if possible, the film be obtained on an approval basis with the right of return.

8. Some discussion took place concerning the London Sunday Times article which was tabled at this meeting, on under/over representation as to content description of honey, and correspondence which Mr Reid had received from the United Kingdom on the same subject.
9. Mr Lyttle reported on the Honeydew Association meeting in Christchurch arranged by Mr John Smith to discuss the problem of the location of hives. Particular concern had been expressed at the thoughtlessness of the producer(s) involved in this instance.

It was further noted later in the meeting that Mr Smith was writing an article in respect of this problem and it was suggested that, if at all possible, a copy be made available for inclusion in the Journal.

10. Mr Stuckey reported on the work being undertaken by Dr Sutherland of the Auckland Medical School concerning bee venom therapy, and it was agreed later in the meeting that Mr Walton would approach Dr Sutherland for an article for inclusion in the Journal.

INDUSTRY TRUST:

Mr David Kay of Hutchison Hull & Co, addressed the members on the present situation in respect of the dissolution of the HMA and the establishment of the Trust. He commented on the requirement of the Inland Revenue Department for an amendment in respect of the distribution of funds on the winding up of the Trust and the typing inaccuracies in respect of the document received. In addition, detailed requirements for further information had been received from the Ministry of Agriculture & Fisheries, National Archives and Treasury.

The funds over and above the \$600,000 made available to the Co-operative had been invested at 13% at call.

General discussion took place concerning the completion of the exercise, particularly in respect of the signing of the Trust Deed by the Trustees, one of whom would be overseas until August.

CORRESPONDENCE Contd.

16. The meeting considered the offer of the Post Office for a pictorial date stamp but it was agreed that this be declined.
17. The meeting noted that copies of the correspondence concerning the honey used in flight by QANTAS had been referred to the Bay of Plenty Branch.
18. Mr Cloake commented on correspondence in respect of the Post Office Savings Bank account held at Timaru in the name of the Beekeepers' Technical Library Cassette Tape Section. After some discussion it was agreed that the President would approach Mr Heineman to ascertain if he would be prepared to act as Librarian for any film tapes or cassettes that the Association might acquire. He would have no responsibility in respect of the preparation or acquisition of such material.

It was further agreed that if Mr Heineman accepts the responsibility, then the funds in the Post Office account at Timaru be transferred to the Post Office account at Milton.

Messrs Lyttle and Cloake also undertook to approach Radio New Zealand, Timaru, to ascertain what material might be available in respect of tapes and cassettes on beekeeping.

19. Mr Stuckey reported that he had been unable, at this stage, to make contact with Ann Grace at the Mount Albert DSIR concerning the exchange of information, but he would pursue this matter and report to the next meeting.
20. The meeting had noted earlier the comments of Mr Reid concerning the availability of Mr Clinch to the industry, having regard to the letter received from MAF as to Mr Clinch's involvement with kiwifruit research.
21. The meeting noted advices from Federated Farmers concerning the Pesticides Regulations 1983.
22. The meeting noted advices in respect of the 29th Congress of Apimondia.
23. The meeting was advised that Mr Reid would be available to attend future meetings of the Executive and that communications in respect of any invitation could be sent direct to him.
24. The meeting noted correspondence in respect of the insurance of the Library and the Chairman undertook to discuss this matter with Mr Heineman and also the adequate storage of books of value.

It was further agreed that as soon as the cost of binding issues of the Journal had been ascertained, that this be conveyed to the Executive Committee members for a postal decision.
25. The meeting noted an analysis undertaken by Mr Matheson of the content of the "NZ Beekeeper".
26. It was agreed that the Association did not at present have funds available to advertise in the Burnham House Publishing Ltd book "Good New Zealand Food" but that this matter be reviewed the following year.
27. In respect of correspondence from the Accident Compensation Corporation concerning bee stings, the Committee questioned whether bees were more vicious or more toxic. It was noted however that there were a lot more bees about especially in the urban areas. The easy availability of antihistamine pills was commented on, and the breeding of more docile Queen bees was discussed. It was agreed to await comment from Mr Clinch on the subject.

Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 6.07 pm and re-convened at 9.06 am on Thursday 31 March.

EDUCATION: The meeting noted the full report received from Mr Lawson Robertson and the Committee expressed its appreciation for this report, and it was agreed that copies be made available to Messrs Cloake and Lorimer.

It was further agreed that when the draft was available from the New Zealand Tree Crop Association, that this be supplied to all members of the Executive.

CORRESPONDENCE Contd.

28. The meeting noted correspondence from Mr Vague and the Secretary was requested to write and explain that the Auckland Branch had only recently been re-activated and that it would take some time to involve all beekeepers in the Auckland area in the Branch.

FINANCE:

1. The accounts paid for December 1982, January February and March 1983 were presented and it was agreed that cheques 043400 - 043437, totalling \$26,241.47 be approved for payment.

2. The financial statement for the two months ended 28 February 1983 together with a comparison of the 1982 outturn and budget was noted by the Committee.

Some discussion took place on the hive levy income and it was agreed that the matter of the hive levy for 1984 be considered at the September meeting when a full review of the hive levy return and collection could be undertaken.

At this stage it was suggested that, subject to availability, a meeting could also be arranged with the Trustees to discuss possible avenues of assistance from the Trust Fund for the Association.

It was further agreed that the Secretary make available to Mr Cloake a hive levy list as supplied by the Ministry to the Association.

ANNUAL REPORT:

It was agreed that the draft Annual Report (including the Annual Accounts) as submitted be approved for circulation to members after noting two amendments on page 3.

The meeting noted the report of the Auditors and it was agreed that the following funds be incorporated in the General Funds when preparing the accounts for the year ended 31 December 1983:

Conference Fund
Seminar Fund
Travel Bursary Fund

JOURNAL:

At this stage of the meeting Mr Walton attended and tabled a report detailing comments in respect to finance, editorial, advertising, circulation and management.

The meeting agreed to the 10% increase for editorial services for the September and December 1983 issues, subject of course to the removal of the price freeze.

Mr Walton was made aware of the decision taken earlier in the meeting in respect of the supply of "The Story of Bees and Honey".

General discussion took place concerning the possibility of an article or statement in regard to the benefits received by members, but no decision was taken in respect of this.

It was agreed that a standard advertisement be contained in the Journal advising of the availability of "The Story of

Bees and Honey" and "Nectar and Pollen Sources of New Zealand" from the Central Office.

ELECTIONS: General discussion took place concerning the availability of members for re-election and both Messrs Lyttle and Stuckey indicated their unavailability.

GENERAL:

1. It was agreed that the Secretary write to the Beautiful New Zealand Commission to request that the Association be kept fully informed in relation to proposals and projects to be undertaken.
2. At the suggestion of the Secretary, it was agreed that the Agenda for future meetings of the Committee be set out in a form to provide for headings such as Finance, Public Relations/Journal, Advisory Services, Technical, etc.

CONFERENCE: It was noted that the Executive would meet on Monday 25 July 1983, the seminar would be held on Tuesday 26 July, and the Conference on Wednesday and Thursday, 27 and 28 July.

The Executive would also possibly meet on the evenings of Wednesday and Thursday 27 and 28 July with the Conference concluding on the evening of Thursday 28 July.

The Secretary to circularise members of the Executive concerning their accommodation requirements for the Conference.

SECRETARY: The meeting complimented the Secretary on his quick grasp of the Association's activities.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING:

It was agreed that the next meeting of the Executive would be held at 10.30 am on Monday 25 July 1983 in Nelson.

CONCLUSION: The meeting concluded at 12.05 pm on 31 March 1983.

..... *W.A. Bishop* Confirmed

..... *25/7/83* Date

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LIST OF CHEQUES PAID FOR DECEMBER 1982, JANUARY, FEBRUARY AND MARCH 1983

043400	Pork Industry Council	\$2524.47	Administration fee plus stationery
401	Pork Industry Council	344.16	Hive levy collection exps.
402	AM International	33.93	Addressograph plates
403	Agricultural Press Co. Ltd	1893.60	Editorial, printing etc. December journal
404	Madison Printing Co. Ltd	97.50	Hive Levy Declaration forms
405	M.G. Stuckey	103.00	Exec. Comm. Mtg. expenses
406	W.A. Clissold	268.00	" " " " (2) plus Federated Farmers Mtg.
407	I. Berry	19.80	Exec. Comm. Mtg. expenses
408	Bank of New Zealand	389.63	Draft for Apimondia sub.
409	Pork Industry Council	114.37	Tolls, photocopying
410	Waterloo Hotel	239.28	Accommodation, Clissold and Stuckey
411	A.D. Lorimer	21.57	Exec. Comm. Mtg. expenses
412	Agricultural Press Co. Ltd	348.70	Advertising commission June/
413	Printcraft '81 Ltd	198.40	Postage December journal Sept
414	Air New Zealand	700.00	Bulkair deposit
415	Secretary, Southland Branch	216.00	Capitation
416	M.J. Heineman	194.00	Refund delegates' Conf. exps.
417	National Beekeepers' Assn.	39.04	Reversal deduction from Solicitor's bill credited to hive levy account
418	S.J. Lyttle	26.62	Exec. Comm. Mtg. expenses
419	Agricultural Press Co. Ltd	2155.34	Printing, advtg. commn. Dec. journal, postage, tolls
420	Air New Zealand	700.00	Bulkair deposit
421	Scott Morrison Dunphy & Co.	45.96	Outstanding hive levy collections
422	A.G. Matheson	25.00	Journal contribution payment
423	Ian Berry	40.00	" " "
424	N. Wallingford	25.00	" " "
425	D. Williams	40.00	" " "
426	G. Galea	10.00	" " "
427	M. Reid	35.00	" " "
428	NZ Insurance Co. Ltd	5.17	Insurance premium on library
429	Pork Industry Council	40.00	Stationery
430	Countrywide Building Society	10000.00	Deposit
431	Pork Industry Board	2784.54	Administration fee plus postage, tolls, stationery
432	Pork Industry Board	131.76	Hive levy expenses
433	Agricultural Press Co. Ltd.	1969.84	Editorial, typesetting etc. March journal

LIST OF CHEQUES PAID CONTD.

434	Bank of New Zealand	\$33.04	Draft Can.\$25 University of Guelph
435	Agricultural Press Co. Ltd	163.90	Advertising Commission March journal
436	Printcraft '81 Ltd	232.35	Postage March journal
437	Royal NZ Institute of Horticult.	32.50	Membership subscription \$25 plus 1983 journal \$7.50

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NATIONAL BEEKEEPERS' ASSOCIATION OF NEW ZEALAND (INC.)

Minutes of a Meeting of the Executive Committee of the National Beekeepers' Association of New Zealand (Inc.) held in the Wakefield Room, Third Floor, The Rutherford Hotel, Nelson on Monday 25 July 1983 commencing at 10.27 a.m. on Monday 25 July 1983.

PRESENT: Mr W.A. Clissold in the Chair, and Messrs M. Stuckey, I. Berry, M. Cloake, S. Lyttle and A. Lorimer.

IN ATTENDANCE: Mr S.C. Goodman, Executive Secretary.

Also attending at times during the meeting

Mr N. Wallingford, Bay of Plenty Community College

Mr P. Marshall, Telford Farm Training Institute

Mr A. McCaw, Executive Committee Member
* Designate

MINUTES: The Minutes of the Executive Committee meeting held on 30/31 March 1983, having been circulated were taken as read and received and the Chairman was authorised to sign them as a true and correct record.

MATTERS ARISING:

1. Mr Lyttle reported that present indications were that QANTAS were reluctant to upset present arrangements relevant to the provision of Canadian honey on their Trans Tasman services.
2. The meeting noted the Lambskin presentation for Professor Cam Jay and the Executive Secretary was asked to arrange for its despatch to the U.S.A.
3. The Executive Secretary reported that the 35mm slides (24) on bee diseases had been received and would be made available to Mr Murray Reid this week.

A reply was awaited from University of Guelph as to the availability of the 16mm film "Brood Diseases of the Honey Bee" on an approval basis.
4. Mr Lyttle reported no further progress or action relevant to the location of hives: the Honeydew Association.
5. The Chairman reported that the Association Librarian Mr J. Heineman had agreed to act as Librarian for the film tapes and cassettes.

Mr Lyttle reported that the NZBC Archives section had 2 tapes
 - (a) Ivan Forster - Story of Bees
 - (b) Miss Mouldboth half hour tapes available at a cost of \$20 each.

Mr I. Berry advised on the availability of a tape by L. Swindel.

- J.B. 6.1 Mr I. Berry tabled an old N.B.A. group photo made available to him by Mrs Blackberry ^{Thru Mr. PAUL ASHCROFT} and it was agreed that this be held by the Librarian.
7. Mr Stuckey reported no further progress in meeting with Anne Grace at Mt Albert DSIR - re exchange of information.
- It was agreed later in the meeting to place the Mt Albert DSIR on the free mailing list of the Journal and that the Executive Secretary reply in general terms.
- J.B. 8. The Executive Secretary reported that he had not yet contacted the NZ Tree ^{crop} ~~top~~ Association to obtain availability of their draft report.
- J.B. 9. The meeting was advised that Mr R. Berry had ~~now~~ signed the Industry Trust Deed, which had been returned to Mr David Kaye at Hutchinson Hull and Co.
10. A general discussion took place concerning bee venom therapy - it being noted no article had appeared as yet in the Journal.
11. The Executive Secretary reported that a reply was awaited from Beautiful N.Z. Commission as to proposals and projects.

ADVISORY:

ADVISORY SERVICES INCLUDING TECHNICAL & RESEARCH

- J.B. 1. The meeting noted further correspondence from Accident Compensation Commission and response from Pat Clinch concerning the former's comments on honey bee viciousness.
2. A request from Kevin Bateman, Victoria University Zoology Department - requesting queen European wasps to study - agreed that this be referred to Journal editor - also a comment to Conference under either remit 10 or 11.
- in the control J.B. 3. N.S.W. Department of Agriculture re ^{Gamma Radiation} ~~irradiation~~ of American Foul Brood - agreed that this be discussed with Mr Murray Reid.
4. Commission for the Environment - parasites to control nodding thistle. The meeting noted correspondence with Mr I. Berry and his offer to continue to liaise with the Commission was accepted.
- It was further agreed that similar problems and also indiscriminate spray programmes be kept under constant review.
5. Central Victorian Apiarists Association advise that European Wasps and English paper wasps have been confirmed as being established in Victoria - already referred to Mr Clinch. Executive Secretary to acknowledge letter from Association.

6. Agreed that a copy of the Annual Report be made available to all Advisory Officers - on an annual basis.

EDUCATION:

1. The meeting had earlier been advised that Mr J. Heineman had agreed to act as Librarian for cassettes and tapes. Agreed that advice be contained in the Journal seeking availability of recorded material.
2. N.Z. Tree Crop Association referred to earlier in the meeting.
3. Bay of Plenty Community College Position paper to be discussed later in the meeting when Mr Wallingford would be present.
4. Tairāwhiti Community College - setting up a training unit - Executive Secretary's response noted.

MARKETING:

MARKETING INCLUDING TRADING, -PRODUCT DEVELOPMENT, IMPORTS, EXPORTS ETC.

1. E.C. Publications of Canberra - Press and Information Service - noted.
2. Industries Assistance Commission (Australian) - assistance to the honey industry - market stabilisation scheme - noted.
3. Bay of Plenty Branch - application and subsequent approval for their kiwifruit pollination service to be exempted from the price freeze regulations - noted.
4. Mr Elwell-Sutton - honey promotion. Agreed that the subject of promotion be discussed with the Trustees of the Industry Fund.
5. N.Z. Tourism Council - co-operative overseas advertising - Executive officer's response noted.
6. Department of Labour - weight and measures. The Association had responded in favour of "Complete revocation of schedules 1 and 2 (except the provision for standard volumes of bottled milk and cream)".

but as a second choice

"replacement of specific standard weights and volumes for individual products prescribed in Schedule 1 with a list of permitted weights and volumes, to apply to the same products as are at present on the schedule".

The suggested list of package weights and volumes is:

25 g/ml; 50 g/ml; 100 g/ml; 200 g/ml; 250 g/ml; 300 g/ml; 400 g/ml; 500 g/ml; 600 g/ml; 750 g/ml; 800 g/ml; 900 g/ml; 1 kg/l and multiples of 500 g/ml thereafter.

Packaging of goods in any quantity under 25 g/ml would remain permissible, as at present.

The Executive Secretary to ascertain results of review.

PUBLICATION:

1. It was agreed that the Executive Secretary prepare a list, for the next meeting, of persons/organisations in receipt of complimentary copies of the Journal.

Consideration to be given to adding the following to the list

Pesticides Board
Ministry of Agriculture & Fisheries
Commission for the Environment

The Executive Secretary to also ascertain from Editor "cost" of additional copy.

2. Mr Stuckey commented on the need for general promotional material for the Industry and tabled some Forestry Industry material.

Agreed that this be considered in the light of available funds from the Industry Trust.

ADJOURNMENT:

- The meeting adjourned for lunch at 12.36 and resumed at 1.37 p.m.

FINANCE:

1. The Executive Secretary tabled a list of Hive Levy unpaid as at 18 July 1983.
2. The Executive Secretary reported to the meeting on a partnership arrangement between husband and wife.
3. The meeting considered the confidential list of hive levy payers with over 1200 hives (as at 25.5.83).

It was agreed that the Executive Secretary obtain legal advice as to action remedies and penalties available to the Association under the Hive Levy Act 1978 if it "suspects" that a false declaration is being made.

The matter to be reviewed at the September meeting.

4. The Executive Secretary to obtain a legal opinion as to the definition of those liable for a hive levy, within the meaning of the Hive Levy Act 1978.
5. The meeting noted the 1983 inventory of the Association's Library prepared by the Librarian.

It was agreed that the review of the insurance of the books be undertaken following advice from the International Bee Research Association as to value.

6. Agreed that copies of the New Zealand Beekeeper held by the Librarian be bound and lettered at a cost of \$25 (8 copies small format) and \$30 (8 copies large format) - total cost \$245.

7. The Accounts paid for March, April, May and June 1983 as presented were approved for payment - being cheques 043438 to 043440 and 254321 to 254371 and totalling \$29590.50.
8. The financial statement for the six months ended 30 June 1983 together with a comparison with the 1983 budget was noted by the Committee.
9. The Chairman tabled a copy of a recent advice relevant to the Food Processing and Chemical Award. General discussion took place on union activity and also members responsibility to comply with awards - but it was agreed no action was required by the Association at present time.
10. The meeting endorsed the Chairman's action in approving expenditure from the Seminar Fund for air travel for one person to this year's Seminar.

EDUCATION:

5. At this stage of the meeting Messrs Wallingford and Marshall attended and addressed the Executive Committee on their respective activities and input of their organisations to the education process of the New Zealand Beekeeper.

Both were to address the Annual meeting the following day.

REPORTS:

PESTICIDES BOARD

It was noted that Mr I. Berry would be presenting a report to the Annual General Meeting later in the week.

N.Z. FEDERATED FARMERS

The Chairman reported that he had not attended the Federation's Annual General Meeting as there appeared to be nothing relevant to this Association.

INDUSTRY TRUST

The meeting noted the report made earlier in the meeting. It was agreed that the Executive Secretary obtain a copy of the final Trust Deed and supply all Committee members with a copy.

LIBRARIAN

It was noted that Mr Heineman would be presenting his report to the Annual Meeting later in the week.

OTHER BRANCH
MATTERS

1. Correspondence from the West Coast Branch in respect of communications with the Rural Bank relating to climatic relief loans was noted.
2. It was agreed that in future a copy of remits to Conference be supplied to all hive levy payers and further agreed that the Journal advise other members that a copy of remits could be obtained from their Branch Secretary or National office.

GENERAL:

1. The meeting was advised of the retirement of Mrs Jean James and that Mrs Pauline Norton had been appointed in her place.
2. It was agreed that the incoming Executive Committee be asked to review the Association's Rules.

ANNUAL GENERAL
MEETING AND
CONFERENCE:

1. The meeting was advised that Mr I. Dickinson would be presenting to the Association the H.M.A. gavel.
2. The meeting considered the Agenda paper as circulated. The Executive Secretary reported on an apparent confusion as to the availability of the Conference room for Thursday afternoon and it was left to him to resolve.

A general discussion on the branding of hives took place.

GENERAL:

3. Mr Cloake reported on a rumour that Australia had prohibited the importation of N.Z. Queens because of half moon disorder.
It was agreed that in the first instance this matter be discussed with Mr Murray Reid.
4. The meeting indicated satisfaction with the new agenda formula.

MEETINGS:

1. It was agreed that the meeting adjourn until after the conclusion of the first day of the Annual General Meeting/Conference, when the meeting would reconvene to consider remits.
2. The next regular meeting of the Executive Committee to be held in Wellington on Tuesday and Wednesday 13 and 14 September 1983.

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting adjourned at 6.15 p.m. on Monday 25 July 1983 and reconvened at 5.23p.m. on Wednesday 27 July 1983.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Messrs A. McCaw and D. Ward. (Executive Committee Members Designate).

CONFERENCE
REMITTS

1. WAIKATO

Agreed that further discussions be held with Mr Murray Reid before taking any action.

2. WEST COAST

Agreed to recommend to the Industry Trustees that an initial grant of \$500 for a bursary to study a suitable research project.

3. CANTERBURY

Agreed that M.A.F. be advised that the Association would be happy to assist in bringing Dr Shimanuki to New Zealand.

4. SOUTHLAND

Agreed that a sub-committee be set up to investigate branding of hives.

Further agreed that the Committee be W.A. Clissold (convenor) A. McCaw and C. Van Eaton.

5. SOUTHLAND

Consideration deferred until the September Executive Committee meeting.

6. AUCKLAND

Agreed that no further action be taken but matter be drawn to attention of M.A.F. in the general Conference letter to the Ministry.

7. WAIKATO

Agreed that the proposal be referred to Journal Editor for suitable Journal article.

8. WAIKATO

Agreed that Executive Secretary write to Noxious Weeds Council to ascertain their sphere of operation and in particular the present situation in relation to privet varieties.

9. OTAGO

Agreed that Executive Secretary clarify what membership fee would be payable to the Association.

10. CANTERBURY

Agreed that Executive Secretary advise the Pest Destruction Council of Conference decision.

11. STH WESTERN DISTRICTS

Agreed that this item be included in the general Conference letter to the Ministry (M.A.F.)

12. CANTERBURY

Noted that this matter had already been considered by the Executive earlier in the meeting (page 4 minutes).

13. OTAGO

Noted.

14, WEST COAST

Agreed that we request Mr Murray Reid to communicate with Dr Neville Moore to give the Association information as to his findings and to offer Association assistance.

Mr Cloake also offered to meet with Dr Moore.

CORRESPONDENCE: 1. South Auckland Apiaries Ltd - agreed that this matter be discussed with the Auckland delegate the following day.

EDUCATION:

6. Mr Cloake reported that he and Mr Lorimer had met with Messrs Dickinson, Marshall, Reid and Wallingford and it was felt that the Diploma needed to be reviewed and Mr Dickinson had undertaken to provide a report for the Committee to consider.

7. The Chairman advised on a letter received that day from the Royal New Zealand Institute of Horticulture Inc. Agreed that copies be made available to the Executive for consideration the following day.

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting adjourned at 6.18 p.m. on Wednesday 27 July and reconvened at 4.15 p.m. on Thursday 28 July.

PRESENT:

Mr I. Berry, President in the Chair, Messrs A. McCaw, W.A. Clissold, M. Cloake, A.D. Lorimer and D. Ward.

WELCOME:

The Chairman extended a warm welcome to the two new members of the Committee - Messrs McCaw and Ward.

It was agreed that a letter of appreciation be sent to the retiring President Mr Clissold and retiring members of the Executive Committee Messrs Lyttle and Stuckey.

CONFERENCE
REMITTS:

15. SOUTHLAND

Agreed that this be considered at the September meeting and in the meantime members would give consideration to sources of information - e.g. Banks, Export Advisory Services, Trade and Industry.

16. NELSON

Consideration deferred until the September meeting.

17. OTAGO

Withdrawn.

18. SOUTH CANTERBURY

Lost.

19. WAIKATO

Agreed that at present no attendance fee be payable to members attending meetings in the interests of the National Beekeepers' Association but that fair and reasonable expenses should be claimed in such circumstances.

20. OTAGO

Noted that Messrs Clissold, McCaw, Van Eaton and Ward would experiment with the suggestion proposed at Conference to use "sulphur" as an alternative to Cynogas, and report to a later meeting of the Executive Committee.

21. SOUTH WESTERN DISTRICTS

Following general discussion it was agreed that the matter be again considered at the September meeting. In the meantime the Executive Secretary to write to Mr Pat Clinch and ask for copies of the test reports made on sugar.

22.. SOUTH WESTERN DISTRICTS

Mr Clissold undertook to draft a working paper detailing Conference arrangements and requirements for consideration by Executive at its September meeting.

Agreed that seminar arrangements for the 1984 Conference be discussed with Mr Murray Reid at the September meeting.

OTHER REMITS: A. NORTHLAND

Branch to be reminded of this proposal in notices for the 1984 meeting.

B. MR BRAY

The Executive Secretary to write a tactful letter to D.S.I.R. requesting he be kept informed.

C. SOUTHLAND

Consideration deferred until the September Executive Committee meeting.

Noted: "leaff feather" should read "leaf cutter".

D. WAIKATO

Agreed that members obtain samples of car stickers. Mr Ward undertook to write to Mr ~~Gill Foyle~~ ^{John Guilfoyle J.B.} and the Chairman to have discussions with Mr Trevor Walton.

E. SOUTH WESTERN DISTRICTS

Withdrawn.

F. OTAGO

Agreed that this be discussed at the September meeting and in the meantime members give consideration to the content of such a Forum.

G. MR BARTRUM

Not accepted by delegates.

REPRESENTATION
AND COMMITTEE:

1. Agreed Mr W.A. Clissold remain as the Association representative to Federated Farmers.

2. Messrs M.Cloake and A. McCaw to be members of the Library Committee together with the Librarian.

There to be three signing authorities for the Post Office account - with any two signing.

3. Mr M. Stuckey to continue as member of the Apiary Advisory Committee providing this was possible - if not Mr A.D. Lorimer, who would clarify the position with Mr Murray Reid.

CORRESPONDENCE: 2. South Auckland Apiaries Ltd - left to the Chairman to have further discussions.

EDUCATION: 8. The letter from the Royal N.Z. Institute of Horticulture to be again considered at the September meeting.

GENERAL: The item - Association Museum/Heritage to be again considered at a later meeting of the Executive.

NEXT MEETING: 13/14 September 1983 in Wellington.

CLOSURE: The meeting concluded at 5.36 p.m.

Jan Berry.

Confirmed

13 Sept 1983

Date

NATIONAL BEEKEEPERS' ASSOCIATION OF NEW ZEALAND (INC.)

LIST OF CHEQUES PAID FOR APRIL, MAY, JUNE AND JULY 1983

043438	Petty Cash	27.35	
439	Hotel Waterloo	383.80	Accom. Ex. Comm.
440	A.M. International	42.12	Addressograph Plates
254321	M.G. Stuckey	42.00	Ex. Comm. Travel
322	W.A. Clissold	95.00	" " "
323	I. Berry	35.20	" " "
324	Avis Rent-a-car	70.34	" " "
325	Agpress	2065.80	Journal Printing
326	Otago Branch	238.00	Capitation
327	Petty Cash	19.25	
328	Southland Branch	216.00	Capitation - Re-Issue of Chq no. 43415
329	Coopers & Lybrand	750.00	Audit Fee
330	Air New Zealand	700.00	Bulk Air - Travel Card
331	S.J. Lyttle	34.73	Ex. Comm. Travel
332	A.D. Lorimer	15.00	" " "
	Cheque Book	3.00	
333	Auckland Branch	290.40	Branch Capitation
334	Waikato "	316.80	" "
335	Bay of Plenty Branch	214.80	" "
336	Hawkes Bay "	141.60	" "
337	Sth Cant. Branch	198.00	" "
338	Nth Otago "	102.00	" "
339	Countrwide Savings A/c	12000.00	
340	H.M. Schofield	12.50	Refund Sub. Paid Twice
341	Southland Branch	204.75	Conference Travel
342	Sth Western "	88.00	" "
343	Pork Industry Board	2993.24	Administration Fee, Stationery, Postage etc.
344	Air New Zealand	500.00	Travel Card
345	Petty Cash	32.00	
346	Agpress	2630.00	Magazine
347	Sth Western Branch	351.60	Branch Capitation
348	Marlborough Branch	102.00	" "
349	Canterbury "	259.20	" "
350	Southland Branch	211.20	" "
351	Office Service Bureau	316.97	Printing & Stationery
352	Apimondia	434.12	1983 Subscription
353	Scott, Morrison, Dunphy	194.40	Legal costs recovery 1982 H/L
354	Inland Revenue Dept	5.00	A.C.C. payment on Honorarium
355	Courier Systems	2.50	Magazine

Carried Forward

26,338.47

	Brought Forward	26,338.47		
356	Printcraft '81	299.14	Magazine Postage	
357	Agpress	2049.00	"	Printing June
358	I. Berry	105.00	"	Contribution Payment
359	N. Wallingford	50.00	"	" "
360	K. Simpson	35.00	"	" "
361	N. Ledgard & W. Simes	50.00	"	" "
362	P. Clinch	20.00	"	" "
363	D. Williams	80.00	"	" "
364	T. Bryant	25.00	"	" "
365	M. Reid	35.00	"	" "
366	C. Rope	30.00	"	" "
367	C. Van Eaton	40.00	"	" "
368	K. Simpson	35.00	"	" "
369	D. Flanagan	40.00	"	" "
370	Southland Branch	223.20	Branch Capitation	
371	Office Services Bureau	135.71	Printing & Stationery	
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		\$29,590.52		
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NATIONAL BEEKEEPERS' ASSOCIATION OF NEW ZEALAND (INC.)

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of the National Beekeepers' Association of New Zealand (Inc.), and the Conference of Branch Delegates held in the Waimea/Wairau Rooms, the Rutherford Hotel Nelson on Wednesday and Thursday 27 and 28 July 1983, commencing at 9.27 a.m. Wednesday 27 July.

- PRESENT: The President, Mr W.A. Clissold in the Chair,
Mr M.G. Stuckey, Vice-President, Messrs I. Berry,
M. Cloake, A.D. Lorimer and S.J. Lyttle, members
of the Executive Committee.
Messrs A. McCaw and D. Ward, Executive Committee-
Designate.
25 Delegates representing 13 Branches and approx-
imately 50 members.
- IN ATTENDANCE: S.C. Goodman, Executive Secretary
T. Walton, Editor of "Beekeeper"
Murray Reid and members of the Ministry of Agric-
ulture and Fisheries Advisory Service,
P. Clinch, Wallaceville Animal Research Centre.
- WELCOME TO
DELEGATES The President welcomed all delegates to the
Conference and said he hoped to have a constructive
Conference.
- PRAYER: The President then invited delegates to stand
while he read the Conference prayer.
- WELCOME: The delegates were welcomed to Nelson - by Lord
Nelson on behalf of the City Council - who handed
to the President a copy of his proclamation.
- OPENING: The Mayor, Mr P. Malone then officially opened
the Conference referring to the Association's
public relations image, the national economy in
general terms and other items of general interest.
- PRESENTATION: The President then presented a nectar-bearing
tree to Mrs Pat Tindall, the Deputy Mayor. The
President said that beekeepers had presented
trees at all centres where Conferences had been
held in the hope that the community would appreciate
the importance of nectar and pollen bearing trees
to the beekeeping industry.
- ADDRESS: In his address the parliamentary member for
Marlborough, Mr D.L. Kidd outlined some of the
associated achievements of the industry, the
relationship with the horticulture industry,
availability of finance and the need for adequate
and professional marketing.
- PRESIDENTIAL
ADDRESS: In his opening remarks the President highlighted
some of the activities for 1982.
1. That the industry had been sandwiched between
the finishing of the Honey Marketing Authority
and the setting up of the Trust Deeds.
 2. That two educational beekeeping programmes
were started, one in each Island.

3. That this is the one hundredth year since the original Beekeepers' Association was formed.
4. That on the 1st July 1883 the first issue of "The New Zealand and Australian Bee Journal" was printed - a monthly issue at a cost of 6 shillings per annum, paid in advance.

Other items referred to included the visit of Professor Cam Jay to research the pollination of kiwifruit by the honey bee, the problems of pesticide spraying when bees are in and around orchards, the formation of the Pesticides Board, the effect on beekeepers of the price freeze - particularly those not selling at top price, the good advice and assistance provided to the industry by the Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries Advisory Service.

QUESTIONS:

In response to a question Mr Kidd said that the main problems in accepting hives as security were that of identification and their location on the property of a third party. The industry needed to discuss the problem with the legal profession - preferably a member with beekeeping experience.

VOTE OF THANKS:

Mr Stuckey on behalf of the meeting recorded a vote of thanks to those who had addressed the meeting.

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting adjourned at 10.30 a.m. for morning tea and re-convened at 11.00 a.m.

APOLOGIES:

Apologies for absence were recorded from:

B. Belin, P. Berry, R. Berry, J. Berry, H. Cloake, L. Hansen, D. Lorimer, R. Robinson, G. Winslade, and R. Withers.

ELECTION RESULTS: The President advised the meeting of the Executive Committee Election result

<u>North Island</u>	Ian Berry	1020 votes
	James Courtney	377 "
	Trevor Rowe	441 "
	Dudley Ward	645 "

Mr Berry and Mr Ward therefore declared elected.

South Island Mr A.J. McCaw was the only nominee and was therefore declared elected.

OBITUARIES:

The following deaths were advised to the meeting and members stood in silence as a mark of respect.

T. Broadley	Waikato
A. Fisk	"
A. Pearson	"
N. Glass	Southland
J. Lloyd	Sth Western
H. Low	Bay of Plenty
P. Lucas	West Coast
R. Pomeroy	Canterbury

LIFE MEMBERSHIP
N.B.A.

None from the Executive Committee.

LIFE MEMBERSHIP
BRANCHES

The meeting was advised that Branch Life membership had been granted by the following Branches:

D. Briscoe	Bay of Plenty
J. Hishon	Waikato

REPORTS:

HONEY MARKETING AUTHORITY

Mr I. Dickinson presented the gavel of the Honey Marketing Authority to the President for the use of the Association.

PESTICIDES BOARD

Mr I. Berry read his report copies of which were made available to Conference delegates.

LIBRARY REPORT

Mr J. Heineman presented his report copies of which were made available to delegates.

BAY OF PLENTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE

Mr N. Wallingford read his report copies of which were made available to delegates.

TELFORD FARM TRAINING INSTITUTE

Mr P. Marshall addressed the members outlining the background to his appointment at Telford, the manner in which the Training Institute operated and how it was financed.

KIWIFRUIT POLLINATION

Mr B. Stanley read his report, with its particular emphasis on the Branch price freeze exemption, and copies of his report were made available to Branch delegates.

PROCEDURAL
MOTIONS:

Timekeeper: It was resolved that A. Day of the Nelson Branch be appointed timekeeper.

Scrutineers: It was resolved that Messrs T. Walton and P. Clinch be appointed scrutineers.

Speaking Times: It was resolved that the mover be allowed 5 minutes to speak, the seconder 3 minutes and subsequent speakers 3 minutes.

Tape Recorders: It was resolved that tape recorders be allowed.

NOTICES OF
MOTION:

The President advised the meeting of the provisions of Rule 17(c) and requested members to have these made available to the Executive Secretary as soon as possible - to allow for reproduction.

DELEGATES TO
CONFERENCE:

<u>Branch</u>	<u>Delegate</u>	<u>D/Delegate</u>
Northland	M. Haines	T. Gavin
Auckland	B. Rawnsley	
Waikato	B. Clements	A.D. Lorimer
Bay of Plenty	B. Stanley	N. Wallingford
Poverty Bay	-	-
Hawkes Bay	P. Ashcroft	P. Berry
Sth Western D.	S.H. Young	C. Brommell
Nelson	M. Wraight	D. Haycock
Marlborough	R. Clarke	C. Deans
West Coast	J. Glasson	R. Buchanan
Canterbury	B.R. McCusker	G. Hantz
Sth Canterbury	M.D. Cloake	S. Lyttle
Nth Otago	-	-
Otago	A.J. McCaw	J. Heineman
Southland	A. Lee	K. Herron

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting anjourned at 12.30p.m. for lunch and re-convened at 2.00 p.m.

MINUTES: The minutes of the Annual General Meeting and of the Conference of Branch Delegates held on Wednesday and Thursday 28/29 July 1982 having been circulated were taken as read, the Chairman was aurtherised to sign them as a true and correct record after noting the following correction:

Page 8 - Remit 11 - delete words "set policy" and substitute "discuss guidelines".

Page 9 - Remit 18 - delete words "to beekeeper" and substitute "in the New Zealand Beekeeper".

ADJOURNMENT: The Annual General Meeting of the National Beekeepers' Association of New Zealand (Inc.) was adjourned at 2.15 p.m. to allow for the Conference of Branch Delegates which commenced at 2.15 p.m.

Executive Secretary's note - the Annual General Meeting re-convened at 3.16 p.m. on Thursday 28 July 1983.

REMIT NO. 1: WAIKATO That following the indications and tentative conclusion resulting from Professor Cameron Jay's work in 1982-83, the Executive approach the D.S.I.R., the Kiwifruit Council, and other concerned bodies with a view to extending research being done on pollination by honey bees.

Carried 13 - 0 (Unanimously)

REMIT NO. 2: WEST COAST That the industry consider supporting research into a chemical analysis of New Zealand pollens to determine their nutritional value for beekeeping.

Amendment:

That the word "beekeeping" be deleted and be replaced with "honeybees".

The Amendment was carried by 11 - 0 and on becoming the motion by 13 - 0 (Unanimously).

REMIT NO. 3: CANTERBURY That the N.B.A. offer their support to the Ministry of Agriculture & Fisheries in their efforts to get Dr Shimanuki to spend his study sabbatical in New Zealand.

NOTE: To assist beekeepers and bee research workers in New Zealand with his knowledge and expertise in the behaviour and breeding of bees. This may have much significance in the export of queens from New Zealand.

Carried 13 - 0 (Unanimously).

REMIT NO. 4: SOUTHLAND That this Conference request the N.B.A. Executive to investigate the feasibility of branding hives on a national basis to establish clear ownership and to discourage theft.

Carried 12 - 1

REMIT NO. 5: SOUTHLAND

That this Conference request that the Rural Bank continue to accept beehives as security as a matter of course, rather than exception.

Amendment

That this Conference request the Executive to take whatever steps may be necessary to ensure that the Rural Bank accepts beehives as chattels providing there is a sufficient level of security.

Carried 10 - 2 and on becoming the motion 13 - 0 (Unanimously).

REMIT NO. 6: AUCKLAND

That the National Beekeepers' Association supports the destruction by the Apiary Inspector, of hives owned by negligent beekeepers.

NOTE: It is feared that diseased hives owned by hobbyists in and around Auckland, could be shifted to honey-producing areas and Kiwifruit farms, with the possible consequence of a further spread of the disease.

Carried 12 - 0

REMIT NO. 7: WAIKATO

That all beekeepers be encouraged to adequately cover their hives when shifting them in the daylight, as well as ensuring they have adequate equipment (spare tyre, jacks etc.) to cover breakdowns and other such problems.

NOTE: This relates to a public relations exercise that beekeepers should initiate, and not the public, after an incident.

Carried 10 - 1

REMIT NO. 8: WAIKATO

That the beekeeping industry oppose the announced intention to include the privet varieties of flowering shrubs/trees in the national noxious weeds classification.

NOTE: In the Auckland district moves by the Councils (Auckland City) supporting/advocating this, plus their programme of eradication from parks and bush areas now in operation, will for many beekeepers remove one more early feed supply in hive build-up. European privets on farmlands will be affected. In the Onewhero district of the Franklin County this is coming with the removal of many privet hedge rows. This movement has the apparent support of a prominent Professor from Auckland University (introducer of of Sunday night "Our World" T.V. programmes) claims privet is running wild and if not removed will take control.

Noxious weed classification will eliminate. It is recognised that in urban areas privet could well be regarded as noxious, however in many rural areas it is beneficial especially to beekeepers. Bearing this in mind it is recommended that it be done in local areas.

Carried 12 - 0

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting adjourned at 3.30 p.m. for afternoon tea and re-convened at 4.07 p.m.

REMIT NO. 9: OTAGO

That Executive consider membership of our Association with the International Bee Research Association (I.B.R.A.)

NOTE: A certain moral obligation exists as I.B.R.A. works for and makes available much valuable information to the beekeeping fraternity throughout the world in general. Certain advantages in the way of discounts and preferences are adherent to membership.

Carried 12 - 0.

REMIT NO. 10: CANTERBURY

That the N.B.A. press Government for regulations requiring that any Pest Destruction Officer, when out in the field, discovering the location of a wasp nest, take necessary steps to destroy the nest or to report the site to a local beekeeper.

NOTE: It has been drawn to the notice of the Canterbury Branch that 12 gauge shotgun shells reloaded with a suitable insecticide is an effective and safe way of dealing with a nest from a distance.

Amendment

That the words "or report the site to a local beekeeper" be deleted.

Lost 7 - 3

Amendment

That the words "press the Government for regulations requiring" be deleted and replaced with "request".

Carried 11 - 0 and on becoming the motion carried 13 - 0 (unanimously).

At this stage of the meeting the President drew to the attention of members the request of Mr Kevin Bateman, Victoria University Zoology Department for queen european wasps for study.

REMIT NO. 11; STH WESTERN DISTRICTS

That Conference request the Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries to investigate a wasp bait attractive all year round to wasps but completely unattractive to bees.

Carried 13 - 0 (Unanimously).

REMIT NO. 12: CANTERBURY

That the N.B.A. strenuously oppose any increase in the Hive Levy until such time as the Levy is collected on all hives owned by beekeepers with 50 or more colonies.

NOTE: It is apparent that many beekeepers are evading the Levy by under-declaring their hive numbers.

Amendment

That all words after "strenuously" be deleted and replaced with "attempt to collect Hive Levy from all beekeepers with 50 hives or more".

Carried 13 - 0 (Unanimously) and becoming the motion carried 12 - 1.

REMIT NO. 13: OTAGO

That Conference strongly disapprove of any price cutting which apparently still occurs, even during a year such as we have just experienced.

NOTE: Comb honey was offered to overseas buyers at a price less than could have been arranged by other suppliers of that same market. It is most important that highest possible returns are secured for the good of the whole industry. This should always be the first consideration, not one's personal short-term gain.

Agreed by 6 votes to 2 that the Note be deleted.

Carried 11 - 2.

REMIT NO. 14: WEST COAST

That a more accurate method of determining the floral source of honey by analysis be investigated.

NOTE: At present, floral source is determined by a percentage pollen analysis but because all honies do not contain the same percentage of pollen grains this method is inaccurate.

NOTE: Some honies are not receiving their true market price overseas because of this - e.g. Thyme and Kamahi. It is considered this project could be undertaken with industry assistance by a student completing a thesis.

Amendment

That the word "accurate" be replaced with "adequate".

Carried 11 - 0 and on becoming the motion carried 13 - 0 (Unanimously).

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting adjourned at 5.14 p.m. and re-convened at 9.06 a.m. on Thursday 28 July 1983.

REMIT NO. 15: SOUTHLAND

That this Conference request the Executive to investigate the need for an export advisory service to assist in the orderly exporting of all honey, packed, bulk and comb, as well as other bee related products. We suggest that the latest market developments be published in the "N.Z. Beekeeper" to assist in stabilising markets and prices.

Amendment

That the last sentence be deleted.

Carried 13 - 0 and on becoming the motion
carried 13 - 0 (Unanimously).

REMIT NO. 16: NELSON

That this Conference recommends the Executive use a portion of the Industry Fund in the promotion of increased honey and pollen consumption within New Zealand.

NOTE: A position created to co-ordinate a national promotion programme - possibly a paid person or an Executive member. Promotion in the form of a N.Z. honey recipe book or slogans, car transfers etc.

Amendment

That the words "recommends the Executive use a portion of the Industry Fund" be deleted and replaced with "requests the Trustees to use a portion of the Industry Income".

Lost 10 - 3.

Amendment

That this Conference recommends the Executive sets up a contingency plan for the promotion of New Zealand honey and pollen.

Carried 12 - 1 and on becoming the motion
carried 13 - 0 (Unanimously).

REMIT NO. 17: OTAGO

That the N.B.A. Executive consider setting up a honey marketing board or council to promote the sale of honey and hive products within the New Zealand.

NOTE: That this board or council be allocated finance from N.B.A. funds.

That the N.B.A. motto is "Better Beekeeping - Better Marketing". As we see it at the moment, there seems to be price war-fare, even in this last season.

That it is time the N.B.A. played an active role in promoting its members' products and hopefully helping them realise a better price for their product. Some orderly marketing or produce promotion within our industry would go a long way towards realising better demand and prices during good and poor years.

With the agreement of the meeting this remit was withdrawn.

REMIT NO. 18: SOUTH
CANTERBURY

That the N.B.A. Executive be reduced from six to four members, two to be from each Island.

Lost 11 - 0

REMIT NO. 19: WAIKATO

That where members of the Executive are required to attend meetings in the interests of the N.B.A. an attendance fee equal to that of the Apiary Advisory Committee be paid.

NOTE: It is not advocated that Executive members be paid for attending Conference. It is also suggested that if the remit is passed the President's honorarium could be adjusted accordingly.

Carried 11 - 1

REMIT NO. 20: OTAGO

That Conference request Executive to make another serious endeavour to arrange for the importation of cyanogas in granulated form for use by the beekeeping industry.

NOTE: There is a real need for it, as no satisfactory substitute has been produced for our needs. Perhaps arrangements could be made with Pest Destruction Boards for storage and distribution.

Carried 8 - 3.

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting adjourned for morning tea at 10.37 and re-convened at 11.17 a.m.

REMIT NO. 21: STH WESTERN DISTRICTS

That Executive investigate cheaper and/or alternative avenues of sugar supplies.

Carried 12 - 0

REMIT NO. 22: STH WESTERN DISTRICTS

That next year's Conference be held in New Plymouth.

Carried 13 - 0 (Unanimously)

REMIT NO. 23: STH WESTERN DISTRICTS
HAD NOT BEEN GIVEN (RULE 17(c))

A. NORTHLAND: That the Executive of N.B.A. exercise its responsibility in accepting Remits for publication on future Conference order papers.

There was no objection by delegates to this remit being considered.

Amendment

That Branches of the N.B.A. exercise their responsibility in submitting remits for publication on future Conference order papers.

Carried 12 - 0 and on becoming the motion carried 13 - 0 (Unanimously).

B. MR BRAY: That this Association deplores the action of the D.S.I.R. in introducing a parasite to control Nodding Thistle without first liaising with the Association or instituting an economic survey, and further, urges the Minister to halt any release of parasites for gorse control until all relevant factors have been considered.

There was no objection by delegates to the consideration of this remit.

Amendment

Delete all the words after "Association".

Carried 10 - 3 and on becoming the motion carried 12 - 1.

C. SOUTHLAND

In view of the amount of Government funds being spent on research into bumblebees, leafbeater bees and wasps, this Conference requests that at least equal amounts be spent on honey^{see} research.

There was no objection from delegates to the consideration of this remit.

Amendment

Add the words "and artificial pollination" after the word "wasps".

Lost 10 - 1.

The original motion was carried 13 - 0 (Unanimously).

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting adjourned at 12.35 p.m. for lunch and re-convened at 2.04 p.m.

D. WAIKATO:

That the N.B.A. Executive with Mr Trevor Walton's help design and have made bumper stickers, promoting honey and sell stickers to members at cost.

NOTE: That a full sized public relations and advertising campaign would cost too much for the industry but that a small start should be made.

There was no objection by delegates to the consideration of this remit.

Carried 10 - 0.

E. STH WESTERN DISTRICTS

It would be appreciated if all hive levy payers receive a copy of remits by mail in sufficient time before Conference.

There was no objection by delegates to the consideration of this remit.

However as the matter had been resolved by the Executive Committee the remit was withdrawn with the leave of the meeting.

F. OTAGO

That this Conference requests the national Executive to convene an industry planning forum such a forum to include a broad spectrum of industry membership to consider and outline the future direction and requirements of the industry in all its facets.

There was no objection from delegates to the consideration of this remit.

Carried 13 - 0 (Unanimously).

G. F. BARTRUM:

That this Conference endorses the Government policy on having voluntary unionism.

There was objection from more than 2 delegates to the consideration of this remit.

REPORTS:

ADVISORY SERVICE

Mr Murray Reid presented his report on the Advisory Services Division of the Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries and copies were made available to Conference delegates.

APICULTURE SECTION - WALLACEVILLE

Mr Pat Clinch presented his report on the Apiculture Section - Wallaceville Animal Research Centre and copies were made available to delegates.

CLOSURE:

The Conference of Branch Delegates concluded at 3.16 p.m. and the Annual General Meeting of the National Beekeepers' Association of New Zealand (Inc.) re-convened at 3.16 p.,.

ANNUAL
REPORT:

It was agreed that the Annual Report and Financial Statement be taken as read and received.

It was further agreed that the Annual Report and Financial Statement be adopted.

ELECTIONS:

President - Mr I. Berry was elected unopposed.

As provided for in Rule 13 Mr I. Berry then took the Chair.

Vice-President - Mr A. McCaw was elected unopposed.

Auditor - Cooper & Lybrand were re-appointed.

GENERAL:

1. Mr Cloake suggested that the Association should in addition to considering its future also be arranging to record its history, heritage, past.
2. Mr Cloake commented that it had been a good Conference in allowing ideas to be brought forward and discussed.
3. Mr Cloake complimented the Conference organisers for the layout of the seating.
4. Mr B. Stanley advised that there would be a meeting of those interested in pollination at the conclusion of this meeting.

CONCLUSION:

1. A vote of appreciation to the retiring President Mr Clissold was carried by acclamation.

3. Mr Lyttle on behalf of those present recorded appreciation to the Nelson Branch for their organisation of the Conference - carried by acclamation.
4. The meeting concluded at 3.40 p.m.

J.B.
13.9.83.

Jan Berry

Confirmed

25 July 84 Date

NATIONAL BEEKEEPERS' ASSOCIATION OF NEW ZEALAND (INC.)

Minutes of a Meeting of the Executive Committee of the National Beekeepers' Association of New Zealand (inc.) held in the Boardroom, 11th Floor, Dalmuir House, Wellington, on Tuesday and Wednesday 13 and 14 September 1983, commencing at 10.15 am on 13 September.

PRESENT: Mr I. Berry in the Chair, and Messrs A. McCaw, W.A. Clissold, M. Cloake, A. Lorimer and D. Ward.

IN ATTENDANCE: Mr S.C. Goodman, Executive Secretary.

Also attending at times during the meeting:

Mr M. Reid, Ministry of Agriculture & Fisheries
Mr T. Walton, Editor Beekeeper.

- MINUTES:
1. The Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of the Association and Conference of Branch Delegates held on 27/28 July 1983 having been circulated, were noted as a true and correct record of the meeting, after the addition of the word "Bee" between "honey" and "research" on the Southland Remit (p.10).
 2. The Minutes of the Executive Meeting held on 25/27 and 28 July 1983, having been circulated were taken as read and the Chairman authorised to sign them as a true and correct record after noting the following amendments:
 1. Page 2, Item 6.1 amended to read:

"Mr I. Berry tabled an old NBA Group photo made available to him by Mrs Blackberry through Mr Paul Ashcroft, and it was agreed that this be held by the Librarian."
 2. Page 2, Item 2 - The word "treetop" amended to read "treecrop".
 3. Page 2, Item 9 - The word "now" deleted".
 4. Page 2, Item 3 amended to read:

"New South Wales Department of Agriculture re gamma radiation in the control of Americal Foul brood - agreed that this be discussed with Mr Murray Reid."
 5. Page 9, Remit D - should read "Mr John Guilfoyl".

MATTERS ARISING:

1. Remit 1: It was agreed that approaches be made to the D.S.I.R. to see if research could be extended to include clover pollination. The three South Island members of the Executive to draft some proposals for the next meeting.
2. Remit 2: It was noted that a research grant could be a use for Trust Funds when available.
3. Remit 3: It was noted that the Executive Secretary had written to M.A.F. offering the Association's support to bring Dr Shimanuki to New Zealand and this matter was again discussed later in the meeting with Mr Reid (page 4).

4. Remit 4: General discussion took place concerning the branding of hives on a national basis, and it was again agreed that this matter be discussed with Mr Reid later in the meeting - (page 5).
5. Remit 5: This matter was covered under discussion on the branding of hives.
6. Remit 6: The meeting noted the Executive Secretary's letter to M.A.F. on this subject. A reply had not yet been received.
7. Remit 8: The meeting noted the reply from the Noxious Plants Council concerning privet and it was agreed that a copy of the Council's response be made available to the Waikato Branch.
8. Remit 7: The meeting noted that the Executive Secretary had written to the Editor of the "Beekeeper" concerning the covering of hives when being transported.
9. Remit 9: The Executive Secretary advised the meeting of the costs of membership of the International Bee Research Association and it was agreed that the Association join as an individual member and also to receive copies of the journal of Agricultural Research at a cost of £28.50 as from 1st January 1984. The publications to be made available to the librarian. Consideration to be given to funding this cost from the Trust.
10. Remit 10: The Executive Secretary reported that he had written to the Agricultural Pest Destruction Council concerning the destruction of wasps' nests and a reply was awaited.
11. The Executive Secretary reported that he had written to the Ministry concerning the development of a wasp bait and a reply was awaited.
12. Remit 14: Mr Cloake reported that he had not met with Dr Moar (not Moore) but would be calling on Dr Hall in December and would take the opportunity to also have discussions with Dr Moar at that stage.
13. Remit 15: The Chairman tabled a copy of material made available for inclusion in the journal in respect of Export Advisory information, and it was agreed that consideration should be given to including this information on an annual basis.

Additional sources of information suggested were the Department of Trade & Industry, the Ministry of Agriculture & Fisheries, and the trading banks.
14. Remit 16: It was agreed that consideration of the promotion with the industry be deferred until later in the meeting.
15. Remit 20: Members reported on their experiments and research in respect of the use of sulphur as a substitute for cynogas and it was agreed that this research be continued. An article to be subsequently prepared for a future issue of the Journal.

16. Remit 21: The meeting noted the comments of Mr Clinch concerning sugar for feeding to honey bees. General discussion took place concerning the availability of supplies of sugar to the industry and it was agreed that Executive members would draw to the attention of Branches the options available to the larger users of sugar and suggest that they discuss the matter with the sugar company.
17. Remit 22: Mr Clissold indicated that a report on conference arrangements was still under action. The meeting was of the opinion that the following basic arrangements appeared to be satisfactory:

Monday: Meeting of the Executive

Tuesday: Seminar with evening left free for meeting of special interest groups

Wednesday: Conference with the social in the evening

Thursday: Conference.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting adjourned at 12.30 for lunch and reconvened at 1.30.

IN ATTENDANCE: Mr M. Reid.

18. Remit B: It was noted that the Executive Secretary had written to the D.S.I.R. concerning nodding thistle and the desirability of keeping the Association advised in respect of future developments affecting the industry.
19. Remit C: It was agreed that the Executive Secretary write to Dr John Longworth, Director of the Entymology Division of the D.S.I.R., Auckland, requesting that additional time be allocated to research on the honey bee.
20. Remit D: Deferred until consideration of industry promotion.
21. Remit F: Deferred until consideration of industry promotion.

MATTERS ARISING FROM THE
EXECUTIVE MEETING 25/27/28 JULY:

1. The Executive Secretary reported that because of cost the presentation to Professor Cameron Jay had been sent by surface mail.
2. The meeting noted the letter from the Ministry of Works and Development concerning the "Beautiful New Zealand" scheme, and it was agreed that a copy of the Ministry's letter together with the brochure, be made available to all Branches.

- RESEARCH:
1. Mr Reid tabled a letter from Dr N.T. Moar concerning the floral source of honey by analysis (Remit 14).
 2. The meeting noted the suggestion from Dr Moar that the Association give consideration to a D.S.I.R./University contract for a well-defined project and it was agreed that this matter be again reviewed when the Trust is established.

3. Mr Reid reported that in respect of the visit of Dr Shimanuki the Ministry would be unable to finance the air fares but various alternatives could be made available. A decision on this matter would not be until after the return towards the end of the month, of Mr G. Miller from the United States. It was anticipated that Dr Shimanuki would be here for from 2 to 3 months in January, February, March 1984 and Mr Reid was advised that the Association would be prepared to provide sufficient funds, if necessary, to meet Dr Shimanuki's air fares.
4. With respect to hive branding, Mr Reid indicated that the computer list of the Ministry would be identifying hive owners by the same registration number as that already issued. In some cases the same letter applied where the owner had hives in other districts although there were instances where owners had different registration numbers for different districts, i.e. the policy is not consistent.

Mr Reid further indicated that as a result of a previous Court case it appeared that branding of hives was not sufficient identification as each component of the hive had to be identified. It was agreed that a letter be sent to Branches in respect of hive branding and also an article be prepared for the Journal, recommending that as much as possible of a hive be branded as a precaution against theft, and also in the event of use as loan security. In respect of the sale of branded hives an appropriate Bill of Sale/Contract document be drawn up identifying the hives sold.
5. The meeting noted advice from the Ministry concerning legislation for Apiary Sites and during general discussion on this topic, Mr Reid indicated that sites in orchards and other pollination situations should be registered as "temporary" or "seasonal" sites.
6. Further general discussion took place concerning the use of sulphur as an alternative to cynogas.
7. Mr Reid reported that consideration was being given at this stage to Queen Rearing/Exporting etc. being the topic for the 1984 Conference Seminar.

ADVISORY:

1. The Executive Secretary reported that there had been no further comment in respect of the location of hives (Honeydew Association - March Minutes). It was agreed that a letter be sent to Mr John Smith to ascertain whether an article had been written.
2. The Executive Secretary reported that a letter had been sent to Anne Grace at the D.S.I.R. Auckland concerning the exchange of information.
3. The meeting then decided to consider the Journal free list and it was agreed
 - a. to check with the Editor that reciprocal copies of overseas journals were provided to the N.B.A.

b. the following be added to the complimentary list:

D.S.I.R. Mt Albert
Bay of Plenty Community College
Telford Farm Training Institute
Association's Librarian
Pesticides Board
N.Z. Tree Crops Association

c. that some additional nine recipients on the list be checked as to the reasons for their receiving free copies.

4. The meeting noted correspondence from Mr Clinch to the Accident Compensation Corporation regarding bee stings and bee viciousness.
5. It was agreed that no further action be taken concerning the correspondence from the N.S.W. Department of Agriculture and gamma radiation in the control of American Foul Brood.
6. The meeting noted that Mr Clinch had written to the Central Victorian Apiarists Association concerning wasps.
7. The meeting noted the comments earlier in the meeting concerning the legislation on apiary sites and it was agreed that there was no practical way that this could be achieved but that the best solution was education.
8. Correspondence from M.A.F. concerning Half Moon Disorder - following general discussion, Mr Reid undertook to keep the Association advised of any further developments in respect of this matter.
9. It was agreed that the Executive Secretary write to the University of Guelph to obtain the information sheet in respect of the 35mm slides already received.

FINANCE:

1. The meeting considered the list of unpaid hive levies and it was agreed that this be checked with the M.A.F. list as to those who were not hive owners.
2. The Executive Secretary to write to the Nelson Association for the address of Moutere Apiaries.
3. It was agreed that a telephone call be made to all unpaid hive levy owners prior to taking action to collect. The Executive Secretary to ascertain the costs of employing debt collectors as opposed to Solicitors.

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting adjourned at 5 p.m. and reconvened at 9 a.m. on Wednesday 14 September. Noted - Mr Reid left at the conclusion of the meeting on Tuesday.

EDUCATION:

1. The meeting considered a letter dated 25 July from the Royal New Zealand Institute of Horticulture and it was noted that the Bay of Plenty Community College Project would be complementary to the National Diploma in

Apiculture and no doubt material available from the Community College would also be available to the Institute. Mr McCaw undertook to obtain a copy of Mr Dickinson's report for consideration by the Education Committee.

2. The Executive Secretary reported that he had written to the University of Guelph concerning the 16mm film to ascertain availability on a "sale or return" basis.
3. The Executive Secretary reported on advice from the New Zealand Tree Crops Association that their report would not be available until December at the earliest.

- MARKETING:
1. The meeting noted that the Department of Labour had not yet completed its review under the Metrication Retail Trading Regulations 1978 and it was agreed that this matter be reconsidered at the next meeting.
 2. The meeting noted correspondence from the Department of Trade and Industry concerning possible contravention of the Price Freeze Regulations 1982, and this had been referred to the Journal Editor for inclusion in the September issue. Mr Walton reported later in the meeting that the advice had been received too late for inclusion in the September issue but would be included in the December issue. It was further agreed that the additional information offered be obtained.

PUBLICATIONS:

1. General discussion took place concerning the Association's requirements in respect of the Journal and the appointment of a new Editor.
2. It was noted that the matter of complimentary copies of the "Beekeeper" had been discussed earlier in the meeting.
3. Mr McCaw reported that the matter of valuation of the Association's library was still with the I.B.R.A. but that in any case Mr Heinemann had been away overseas for family reasons. The change of signing authority for the Library Fund had still to be actioned.

- FINANCE:
1. The accounts paid for July and August 1983 as presented were approved for payment being cheques Nos 254372 to 254384, totalling \$10,033.57.
 2. The Financial Statement for the 8 months ended 31 August 1983, together with the comparison with the 1983 budget was noted and received by the Committee.
It was agreed that the Presidential Honorarium as provided for in the Budget be paid.
 3. Following advice from the Executive Secretary that Mrs Norton would be shortly leaving the employ of the Pork Industry Board, it was agreed that the Association recognise the service of Mrs Norton to the Association.
 4. The Executive Secretary read to the meeting his letter to the Association's Solicitors, Messrs Scott, Morrison and Dunphy, concerning:

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- a) the liability to pay the hive levy
- b) the actions, remedies and penalties for non-payment of the hive levy.

A reply was awaited.

- 5. It was noted that consideration of the outstanding hive levies had been undertaken earlier in the meeting when Mr Reid was present (page 5).
- 6. It was agreed that the hive levy for 1984 remain at 17.5 cents and the membership subscription also remain unchanged at \$12.50.

Members were conscious of the possible escalation of costs following the removal of the Price Freeze in February but decided not to make an increase as it was anticipated some funding could be achieved from the Industry Trust.

- 7. The meeting considered a letter from the Bay of Plenty Branch and it was agreed that they be advised as follows:
 - a) that the Executive was of the opinion that there would not be a major shortage of beeswax unless a major export market developed.
 - b) it was not practical for the Executive to meet in Tauranga as it was too costly but individual members of the Executive were more than happy to attend Bay of Plenty Branch meetings.
 - c) In respect of the Branch's request for financial assistance to meet the cost incurred in appealing to the Trade & Industry Department it was agreed that they be asked for a detailed breakdown of their estimated cost of \$350.

REPORTS: 1. PESTICIDES BOARD

Mr Berry reported that the Pesticides Board had not met since the last meeting of the Executive.

He indicated that the Toxic Substance Regulations came into effect on 1 August 1983 and it was agreed that a copy of these together with other legislation relevant to the Pesticides Act be made available to all members of the Executive.

2. FEDERATED FARMERS

Mr Clissold advised that there was nothing to report.

3. LIBRARY COMMITTEE Nil Report

4. APIARY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Mr Lorimer reported on advice from Mr Reid that the members are appointed by the Ministry on the recommendation of the Association and the meeting was advised later by Mr Reid that the current appointees were Messrs Courtney, Stuckey and Lorimer.

It was agreed therefore, to ascertain whether Mr Stuckey was interested in continuing as a member of the Committee.

- BRANCH MATTERS:
- a) North Otago concerning distribution of remits to members - it was noted that this had been covered at the last Executive meeting (page 5).
 - b) The meeting was advised that the matters raised by South Auckland Apiaries Ltd had now been resolved.

OTHER CORRESPONDENCE:

- 1. The Annual Report for the Pesticides Board was tabled.
- 2. The meeting noted advice from Mr W.J. Webb of the U.S.A. concerning his visit to New Zealand in August 1983.
- 3. The meeting was advised that letters of appreciation had been sent to Messrs Clissold, Lyttle and Stuckey.

PUBLICATIONS: At this stage of the meeting Mr Trevor Walton, the Editor of the N.Z. "Beekeeper" attended, indicating his decision to resign as Editor/Publisher was a business decision. The meeting approved the decision to advertise in the September issue of the "Beekeeper" and also agreed that an advertisement be placed in the Newsletter of the Guild of Agricultural Journalists. It was the opinion of the Executive that closer liaison between the Executive and the Editor was desirable, particularly at the planning stages.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting adjourned at 12.40 for lunch and reconvened at 1.33 p.m.

At this stage of the meeting Mr Reid was again present and further commented:

- a) In respect of the lifting of the Price Freeze in the Bay of Plenty area.
- b) The recent workshop held in the Bay of Plenty area on kiwifruit pollination following which a steering committee of four had been set up to look at the establishment of a pollination association involving beekeepers and growers, for the setting of standards, fees and investigations/disciplinary actions.
- c) The establishment of two foreign aid projects - one in Fiji and the other in Tuvalu.

GENERAL BUSINESS:

- 1. The Executive Secretary reported that he had written to Mr Kay concerning the Trust Deeds and at present the documents were with the Inland Revenue Department in Auckland and it was agreed that the President indicate to Mr Kay the Association's concern in having this matter brought to a prompt conclusion.
- 2. General discussion took place concerning the alterations to the Association's Rules and the Executive Secretary was requested to give consideration to the requirement to change Rule 2 where reference was made to the "Honey Marketing Authority".

The Executive was of the opinion that otherwise no alterations were required.

3. The President reported on a request from Gavin's Apiaries Ltd for support in obtaining work permits for experienced overseas staff, and the President's draft reply in support was approved.
4. Mr Lorimer reported on proposed changes to the Waikato County District Scheme in respect of
 - a) the size of buildings on 10 acre blocks
 - b) the requirements that honey processed in a honey house should be produced within the area of the honey house.

PUBLICATIONS: The meeting considered the action to be taken in respect of the appointment of a new Editor/Publisher and it was agreed that, if practical, an appointment be made at the November meeting. The basis of the appointment to be the five duties as outlined in the Agpress letter of 4 November 1981. Action in respect of applications, enquiries etc. be left to the President and Executive Secretary in consultation with Executive members if required.

INDUSTRY PLANNING:

Considerable discussion took place concerning the remit from the Otago Branch that the Executive should convene an Industry Planning Forum and it was finally agreed that Branches be requested to convene a special meeting of their members, or at least of their executive, to consider the remit proposal and how such a forum could be organised, topics to be considered, and the timing of the forum. Branches to be encouraged to invite an Executive Committee member to attend these special meetings.

HONEY PROMOTION: The President tabled many items of honey promotion for consideration by the meeting and Mr Ward tabled some material supplied by Mr Guilfoyl.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING:

It was agreed that the next meeting of the Executive be a two-day meeting on Wednesday and Thursday 23/24 November.

The meeting concluded at 4.05 p.m.

.....*Ian Berry*.....Confirmed

.....*23 Nov 83*.....Date

NATIONAL BEEKEEPERS' ASSOCIATION OF NEW ZEALAND (INC.)

Minutes of a Meeting of the Executive Committee of the National Beekeepers' Association of New Zealand (Inc.) held in the Boardroom, 11th Floor, Dalmuir House, Wellington, on Wednesday and Thursday 23 and 24 November 1983, commencing at 10.17 a.m. on 23 November.

PRESENT: Mr I. Berry in the Chair, and Messrs A. McCaw, W.A. Clissold, M. Cloake, A. Lorimer and D. Ward.

IN ATTENDANCE: Mr S.C. Goodman, Executive Secretary.

Also attending at times during the meeting:

Mr M. Reid, Ministry of Agriculture & Fisheries

Mr M. Burgess, Burgess Media Services

Messrs G. Hall, M. Kennedy, I. Young and R. Riddell, Agricultural Training Council.

MINUTES: The Minutes of the Executive Committee meeting held on 13/14 September 1983, having been circulated were taken as read and received after noting the correction of the spelling of Mr Stuckey's name, Reports, item 4, page 7, and the Chairman was authorised to sign them as a true and correct record.

It was further agreed that in future advice be sent to Branch Secretaries drawing to their attention matters of interest or for action contained in the Minutes. The President to advise the Executive Secretary of those items following the President's consideration of the Minutes when received.

MATTERS ARISING:

1. The meeting noted a letter of appreciation from Professor Cam Jay for the gift.
2. The President reported on his discussions with representatives of the South Western Districts Branch concerning the 1984 Conference arrangements -

To be held on 24/25/26 July in the Devon Motor Lodge, New Plymouth.

Racecourse complex to be used for the Wednesday night dinner.

The President to check that a room will be available for the Executive Committee meeting on Monday 23 July.

General discussion concerning conference arrangements followed, and it was the opinion of the Executive that a get-together social on the Monday evening was desirable and that the Tuesday evening remain free for meetings of various special interest groups.

3. The Secretary tabled the following proposed amendment to the Rules:

2. In these Rules, unless inconsistent with the context:

"Hive Levy" means the annual levy payable by Beekeepers to the National Beekeepers' Association of New Zealand (Inc.) in accordance with the Act. "The Act" means the Hive Levy Act 1978 or any amendments or substitution therefor. "Year" and "Financial Year" mean from the first day of January to the thirty-first day of December..

and this was approved for presentation to Conference.

4. The meeting noted that Mr Stuckey had agreed to continue to act as a representative on the Apiaries Advisory Committee.
5. Members were in receipt of copies of the Charitable and General Trust Deeds and Mr McCaw reported that the winding up of the Honey Marketing Authority had been gazetted last week.

General discussion took place concerning the Trust Deeds and it was agreed that a meeting should be arranged with the Trustees to establish the administration of applications for funds. It was agreed that, in due course, the President would arrange such a meeting.

INDUSTRY PLANNING:

Following a general discussion with particular reference to the proposals from Mr Reid to adopt a "SWOT" analysis approach, i.e. strengths, weaknesses, opportunities, threats. It was agreed that a meeting be arranged at Flock House following the next Executive Meeting in March. The Executive to meet in Wellington on Tuesday 27 March and drive to Flock House the next day, Wednesday 28 March. The planning meeting commence after lunch on the Wednesday and conclude before lunch on Friday 30 March. It was noted that if Flock House was not available for these dates, then the meeting would be set for the dates commencing Tuesday 10 April.

It was agreed that those invited to the planning meeting would consist of the Executive, three representatives of the Ministry, Messrs Wallingford and Marshall, and Messrs R. Berry and I. Dickinson, Trustees - it being noted that Messrs Wallingford and Marshall's costs would be met by the National Beekeepers' Association.

Mr Reid undertook to confirm the availability of Flock House.

ADVISORY:

1. The meeting noted the response from the D.S.I.R concerning research and it was agreed that the Executive Secretary advise Mr Longworth that the Association may wish to follow up his offer of information on Dr Pearson's work pending receipt of the proceedings of the Conference Seminar.

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting adjourned at 12.30 p.m. for lunch and re-convened at 1.33 p.m.

2. Mr Reid reported that the Ministry would be meeting the costs of Dr Shimanuki's visit to New Zealand. Subject to his formal acceptance of the invitation and the signing of a contract, it is expected that he would arrive in New Zealand about 16 January for approximately three months and would be based at the Mt Albert Research Centre in Auckland.
3. The President read to the meeting his article for inclusion in the journal on hive branding, following which general discussion took place in respect of this matter.
4. The meeting noted advice from the Ministry concerning the destruction of hives:

"When a registered hive infected with American Brood disease is found, an inspector under the Apiaries Act 1969 has several courses of action open to him. He can, for example, order the beekeeper, or a part time inspector, to destroy all infected material or he may destroy the hive himself.

It is a matter of judgement and circumstances prevailing at the time which determines the course of action taken by the inspector. Unfortunately, some beekeepers have not proven reliable when they are left to destroy their diseased hives themselves. It may be necessary for MAF inspectors to carry out more of the destruction work in certain areas."
5. The meeting noted advice from the Ministry that they did not have the money, nor resources available to undertake research work on wasp baits, and advised that most beekeepers found the mixing of Mirex insecticide with dry icing sugar, marmalade, meat or fish to be effective.

The President undertook to communicate with Mr Kevin Bateman concerning his research project into both the German wasp and the yellow jacket, which he is at present undertaking at Victoria University.
6. The meeting noted advice from the Agricultural Pest Destruction Council that it is their policy for staff to destroy wasp nests and that a circular had been sent to all Pest Destruction Boards asking that field staff destroy or report any nests found. It was agreed that this information be referred to the "Beekeeper".
7. The meeting considered correspondence between the President and Mr Cliff van Eaton concerning the "Trees for Bees" programme. After some discussion it was agreed that the Association would order 10,000 "bee tags" and 500 "trees for bees" posters. Branches to be advised of this decision and that, on receipt, both the tags and the posters would be made available to Branches and that if they are interested in developing the programme it is

suggested that they contact the local YMCA or other work skills supporting organisation. Mr Clissold undertook to finalise the arrangements for the tags and posters with Mr van Eaton.

It was further agreed that a suitable advice be sent to the N.Z. Nurserymen's Association, advising them of the Association's action, it being noted that a list of "trees for bees" species would have to be produced by each Branch.

8. Mr Clissold reported further in respect of research on the use of sulphur as a substitute for Cynogas and advised that samples of honey were at present away being tested.

The President advised the meeting of the article prepared for the next issue of the "Beekeeper".

9. It was noted that there had been no response from Branches concerning the options available to the larger users of sugar.
10. The meeting noted a letter from the D.S.I.R. concerning nodding thistle and the Department's offer to be represented at future conferences. It was agreed that, in general terms, the Department be invited to alternate conferences and that approaches be made to the Department for the provision of news items which may be of interest to members for inclusion in the "Beekeeper".
11. The President reported on receipt from the D.S.I.R. of the Fruit Research Committee Annual Report.
12. The Executive Secretary reported that he had written to Mr John Smith in respect of the location of hives (Honeydew Association - March 1983 Minutes) but no reply had been received. Mr Cloake undertook to make further enquiries in respect of this matter.
13. Mr Lorimer reported that there had been no further developments concerning the proposed changes to the Waikato County District Scheme (September 1983 Minutes) but he would advise the Executive of the outcome in due course.
14. The meeting noted advice from Mr Matheson, Apiculture Advisory Officer, dated 7 November 1983.
15. The President reported on correspondence and media response with respect to honey in the North Auckland area.

GENERAL:

1. Mr Reid reported that there was in preparation a "Country Calendar" on kiwifruit pollination, but details of screening were unknown.
2. Mr Reid reported on the advice from the British High Commission of the destruction in Liverpool of a live swarm of bees in a South American Bulk Sugar ship.

ADVISORY:

10. Mr Reid indicated that there may be a need for financial assistance to be provided if there was to be a continuation of the diagnostic services following training by Dr Shimanuki.
17. Mr Reid reported that the Ministry had been able to obtain from the Japanese Government approval for certification of N.Z. honey as being free from antibiotics.

FINANCE:

The meeting noted a request from Mr N.T. Moar for financial assistance to attend the International Palynological Conference and it was agreed that this matter be dealt with later in the meeting.

MARKETING:

1. The President reported that a further article had been prepared for inclusion in the next issue of the "Beekeeper" detailing additional export advisory information.
2. The meeting was advised that there had been no further response from the Department of Labour concerning the review under the Metrication (Retail Trading) Regulations 1978 and it was agreed that the Executive Secretary again write to the Department.

REPORTS:

1. PESTICIDES BOARD
 - (a) Mr Reid tabled a form to be used in the new reporting system introduced by the Ministry.
 - (b) The President further commented on a news release recently issued by the Pesticides Board.
 - (c) The President's report for the December issue of "Beekeeper" was also noted.
 - (d) The President further commented that the Board's Publicity Committee was giving consideration to the provision of posters and the Association may be asked to assist financially.

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting adjourned at 5.15 p.m., and re-convened at 8.50 a.m. on Thursday 24 November.

EDUCATION:

1. The meeting was advised of the visit by the President and Mr Lorimer to the Bay of Plenty Community College, following which consideration was given to the proposal received from the College.

It was agreed that the proposal be accepted in principle and that members would advise Mr Wallingford direct of any suggestions/changes for the modules; that the principle of a Certificates Committee be approved; that the proposed letter to the Education Department be left to the President to finalise.
2. At this stage of the meeting Messrs Graham Hall (Chairman), Maurice Kennedy (Executive), Ian Young (Dept. of Education) and Bob Riddell (M.A.F.) of the Agricultural Training Council, met with the Executive to consider its education programme. After some discussion it was agreed:
 - (a) That Mr Lawson Robertson would be available to the Education Committee to provide input and comment in respect of the proposal received from the Bay of Plenty Community College.

- (b) That Mr Kennedy would advise the Executive Secretary of ways and means of bringing together the various resources available to the Association in its Education programme.

PUBLICATIONS AND PUBLIC RELATIONS:

At this stage of the meeting Mr M. Burgess of Burgess Media Services attended the meeting in respect of the editorship of the "Beekeeper".

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting adjourned at 12.30 p.m. for lunch and re-convened at 1.30 p.m.

PUBLICATIONS AND PUBLIC RELATIONS:

1. After considerable discussion and evaluation of applications it was agreed that Burgess Media Services Ltd be appointed editors of the "Beekeeper" and that their company would also handle the media representation for advertising. The Executive Secretary to draft a suitable letter of appointment for consideration by the President.

EDUCATION:

3. The Executive Secretary reported that the information sheet for the colour slides of bee diseases (University of Guelph) had been forwarded to Mr Reid.
4. The Executive Secretary reported that no response had been received from the University of Guelph concerning the 16mm film "Brood Diseases of the Honey Bee" and it was agreed that no further action be taken in this matter.
5. It was noted that a copy of Mr Dickinson's report concerning the Diploma review was not available, and it was agreed that no further action be taken.
6. In respect of the Bay of Plenty Community College proposal, the Executive accepted the proposals. It was further agreed that the President would reconsider the draft letter to the Education Department which could then be sent. The College to be advised that the Agricultural Training Council was now advising the Association in respect of its education programme.

MARKETING:

3. The meeting noted advice from the N.Z. Embassy in Washington concerning proposals for a U.S.A. investigation into the impact of honey imports on the American programme.
4. The meeting noted the President's response to the Department of Trade & Industry concerning the conference consideration of the Otago Remit on industry pricing.
5. It was agreed that the matter of industry promotion be considered later in the meeting if time was available.

PUBLICATIONS AND PUBLIC RELATIONS:

2. It was agreed that Mr W. Dobson be deleted from the free list of the N.Z. Beekeeper and the President undertook to make further enquiries concerning Mrs Maultsaid.
3. The meeting noted advice from the Librarian that a valuation was still awaited from I.B.R.A and, in this respect, the Executive Secretary was asked to negotiate with the N.Z. Insurance Company concerning the premium cost.
4. The Executive Secretary reported on costs from the Action Bureau Services for the word processing of the library catalogue and it was agreed that this be undertaken without delay.

FINANCE:

2. The accounts paid for September, October and November 1983 as presented were approved for payment, being cheques nos. 254385 to 254404 totalling \$14,510.52.
3. The financial statement for the 10 months ended 30 October 1983, together with the Executive Secretary's estimated out-turn to the 31 December were noted and received by the Committee.
4. It was also noted that the Association's policy in respect of conference surplus was as follows:
 - (a) any surplus arising as a result of social functions was for the credit of the host branch
 - (b) any surplus arising out of the business sessions of the conference was for the credit of the N.B.A.

The Executive Secretary was requested to advise the Nelson Branch accordingly and also to advise them that the hotel account for lunch questioned by the Branch was not in respect of Executive members.

5. The Executive Secretary reported that there were three unpaid hive levies and the collection of these accounts had been placed in the hands of the solicitors.
6. Following a report from the Executive Secretary it was agreed that collection of unpaid hive levies be handled by the Association's Solicitors.
7. The meeting considered a report from the Association's solicitors in respect of hive levy - the need for the supplying of correct information and the definition of "persons liable to pay the levy". It was agreed that the President would discuss the legal opinion with Mr Reid and also the possibility of changing the definition of "persons liable for the levy".
8. The Executive Secretary reported that no response had been received from the Bay of Plenty Branch concerning the detailed breakdown of their estimated cost of \$350 for which they were seeking assistance and the President undertook to discuss this matter with Mr Wallingford.

9. The meeting noted the President's letter to the Minister of Regional Development and his response and it was agreed that this matter be kept under review.
10. In respect of the request from Mr Moar for financial assistance discussed earlier in the meeting, it was agreed that Mr Cloake call on Mr Moar to obtain further details for consideration by the Executive at its March meeting.
11. It was agreed that the subscription for Apimondia for 1984 be not paid at this stage and the matter be placed on the Agenda for Conference which should be asked to decide whether the Association should continue its membership.
12. The Executive Secretary advised the Executive that the Pork Industry Board at its October meeting had requested that he advise the Executive that the administration fee paid to the Board would be reviewed following the lifting of the price freeze regulations and that the Board wished to ensure that its costs were adequately covered.
13. It was agreed that the Branch capitation form be distributed to branches as early as possible at the commencement of each financial year.
14. It was agreed that the funds becoming available from the beekeepers technical library cassette tape section be merged with the library funds.

REPORTS:

1. PESTICIDES BOARD - Considered earlier in the meeting.
2. FEDERATED FARMERS

Mr Clissold advised the meeting that he had not attended the recent half-yearly conference of Federated Farmers because of his commitments, and it was agreed that it be left to Mr Clissold's judgement as to his attendance at Federated Farmers meetings having regard to the costs involved.

3. LIBRARY COMMITTEE

The meeting was advised that the binding of the N.Z. Beekeeper was under action and would be completed following the issue of the December 1983 journal.

4. APIARY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Nil report.

GENERAL:

3. The meeting requested Mr McCaw to convey to Mr Heinemann the Executive's condolences on the death of his mother.

BRANCH MATTERS:

1. It was agreed that Branches be advised that members of the Executive were available to attend Branch meetings and, in fact, looked upon this as part of their responsibilities as Executive members.

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OTHER CORRESPONDENCE: Nil.

- GENERAL:
4. The President reported on an enquiry from Trade and Industry received by them from the French Embassy for the supply of 200kg of propolis. The President to advise Trade and Industry that this could be purchased but that the price would have to be adequate.
 5. The President reported on two articles in the Food Process Worker Union journal relevant to beekeepers.

PROMOTION: It was agreed that the promotion of the industry be deferred until the March planning meeting.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING:

It was agreed that the next meeting of the Executive commence on Tuesday 27 March 1984 - this date to be subject to confirmation.

CLOSURE: The meeting concluded at 4.04 p.m. with an expression of appreciation by the Executive to members of the staff.

.....*Jan Berry*.....Confirmed

.....*1 May 84*.....Date

NATIONAL BEEKEEPERS' ASSOCIATION OF NEW ZEALAND (INC.)

LIST OF CHEQUES PAID FOR AUGUST, SEPTEMBER 1983

254372	S.C. Goodman	100.38	Conference Expenses
254373	W.A. Clissold	97.00	Presentation Prof. Jay
381	L. Jeffs	226.00	Conference Travel
254373	A.M. International	46.02	Addressograph Plates
374	Agpress	1481.70	Magazine & Conf. Exes
375	S.J. Lyttle	336.60	Conference Expenses
376	M.G. Stuckey	590.55	" "
377	A.D. Lorimer	212.00	" "
378	M.D. Cloake	706.55	" "
379	I. Berry	506.20	" "
380	DB Rutherford	1527.34	" "
254383	Agpress	1325.39	Magazine
384	Pork Industry Board	2877.84	Fee

\$ 10,033.57

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LIST OF CHEQUES PAID FOR OCTOBER, NOVEMBER 1983

254385	Petty Cash	29.55	
386	Government Bookshop	26.10	Publications
387	I. Berry	91.70	Ex. Cttee Expenses
388	D. Ward	120.00	" " " "
389	W.A. Clissold	320.00	" " & Conf. "
390	Post Office	12.00	Journal Postage Permit
391	Countrywide Savings	8000.00	Investment
392	Air N.Z. Travelcard	700.00	
393	Printcraft '81 Ltd	187.55	Journal Postage
394	Agpress	2963.00	"
395	Waterloo Hotel	303.10	Ex Cttee
396	" "	173.00	" "
397	A.D. Lorimer	14.20	" " Expenses
398	W.A. Clissold	624.00	Honararium
399	Inland Revenue	336.00	" "
400	Pork Industry Board	40.24	Tolls
401	Poverty Bay Branch	223.40	Capitation - 1982/83
402	Nelson Branch	201.60	"
403	S.C. Goodman	9.48	Travel Exes
404	Madison Print	135.60	Hive Levy Forms

\$14,510.52
